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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: TOUR D'RAISON WITH MIYAZAKI, JAPANESE ASSIS-
TANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE
FOREIGN OFFICE

1. I MET THIS AFTERNOON WITH MIYAZAKI, JAPANESE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, TO REVIEW STATE OF PLAY ON CONSUMER-PRODUCER RELATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. I LAID OUT IN DETAIL YOUR POSITION FOR RESUMING PREPCON AND WHAT WE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW FROM IT. MIYAZAKI APPEARED SUPPORTIVE AND GENERALLY CONTENT. HIS PRIMARY CONCERN WAS THAT WE NOT IMPLY THAT COMMISSION WERE A PERMANENT FIXTURE LEST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FEEL THAT EVEN IF THEY BEHAVE IRRESPONSIBLY WE WILL AGREE TO CONTINUATION OF COMMISSIONS BEYOND ONE YEAR. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IF WE IMPLY COMMISSIONS ARE PERMANENT AND GIVE THEM TOO MUCH PUBLICITY, ESPECIALLY IN YOUR UN SPEECH, THE SOVIETS AND OTHERS IN THE EASTERN BLOC, WILL TRY TO BECOME INVOLVED DIRECTLY WHICH COULD BE DISRUPTIVE OR THROW A MONKEY WRENCH IN THE PROCESS.

I EXPRESSED OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT IT WILL BE IN JAPAN'S INTEREST, AND IN THE INTEREST OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IF THE JAPANESE WERE TO CONTRIBUTE
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ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TO THE AID-EGYPT EFFORT.

MIYAZAKI INDICATED THAT THIS WAS STILL UNDER SERIOUS REVIEW IN JAPAN, ALTHOUGH READING BETWEEN THE LINES, I AM CONVINCED THAT JAPAN WILL PROBABLY RESIST PROVIDING ALL WE HAVE REQUESTED. MIKI IS AWARE THAT THIS WILL COME UP IN THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MIYAZAKI WILL CONVEY OUR STRONG VIEWS BACK TO TOKYO.

MIYAZAKI COMMENTED THAT THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BRIEFING MIKI ON ISSUES FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THAT MIKI HAD INDICATED A STRONG DESIRE TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WHICH HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING PET SUBJECT OF HIS. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONVEY TO MIKI OUR STRONG FEELING REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND JAPAN, AND OTHER DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, BUT THAT WE SHOULD INDICATE DOUBTS REGARDING THE WISDOM OF ESTABLISHING A FORMAL MECHANISM. RATHER, STRESS ON THE PHYSIOLOGY OF INCREASED COOPERATION, MAKING THE PACIFIC A LINK BETWEEN COUNTRIES RATHER THAN A BARRIER, WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE DESIRE FOR STRONGER LINKS BETWEEN THE US AND OTHER NATIONS OF THE REGION AND WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO MIKI. AT ANY RATE, THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THIS IS LIKELY TO ARISE.

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